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SUBJECT: W-2 & SSI ELIGIBILITY

CROSS REFERENCE: Operations Memos 99-40 & 99-75

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PURPOSE

This memo:

1. Provides information about a new field on DXSX (data exchange screen) that displays the decision rendered by the Social Security Administration on the appeal of a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) application.
2. Provides an overview of a new EOS report that will help agencies track the SSI application process for W-2 participants, using information from the DXSX screen .

BACKGROUND

W-2 agencies must take an active role in advocating for SSI eligibility for those W-2 participants with disabilities or limitations that prevent them from succeeding in unsubsidized employment. In addition, it is the agencies' responsibility to make appropriate entries on the State-Only W-2 Payment screen, ANSP, to initiate and end State-Only W-2 payments for participants going through the SSI applications process. To assist with these efforts, the Department is taking measures to ensure that workers have access to all available SSI eligibility information in a useful format.

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Non W-2 ☐ **W-2** ☒ **CC** ☐

PRIORITY: Medium

Two CARES alerts, #255 and #267, have been in place since 1998 to provide the FEP and Supportive Service Specialists with information about recent changes in a CSJ or W-2 T participant's eligibility for SSI. These alerts are based on information sent to CARES through the monthly SDX SSI Match.

APPEALS FIELDS ON DXSX

SSI applicants who are denied for SSI benefits frequently request reconsideration of the Social Security Administration's (SSA) decision through an appeal process. An individual who wishes to appeal a denial of SSI benefits must make a request to SSA in writing within 60 days from the date the denial letter is received. There are 4 levels of appeal:

1. Reconsideration of the claim by an SSA representative who didn't take part in the first decision
2. Hearing by an administrative law judge
3. Review by the Appeals Council
4. Federal court review

The field APPEAL DET, currently found on DXSX, provides the level of appeal the applicant has filed and the date of that action. One of 5 codes may appear in that field:

- R Reconsideration
- H Hearing
- A Appeals Council Review
- C Court Activity
- O Class Action.

A new field found on DXSX will go into production on May 25, 2001 to provide workers with additional information about SSA action taken on an appeal. This new field, APPEAL DCSN CD, will describe the decision made by SSA on the appeal and the date that decision was issued. One of 18 different codes may appear in the field. **Examples** include:

- AD Dismissed/Abandoned
- FF Fully Favorable
- UF Unfavorable

The full list of codes may be found in reference table TDDC.

NEW EOS REPORT

A new EOS report (Form ID C763) will be available to agencies beginning May 12, 2001, and each month thereafter on the Monday following the first Saturday of each month. The information provided on the report is only for W-2 participants in a paid placement (W-2 T, CSJ, and CMC). The report uses information from the monthly SDX SSI match with the SSA to identify new SSI applications, and decisions on an SSI application including approval or denial of benefits. The report also provides information when an appeal has been filed by an SSI applicant and the SSA decision on that appeal.

This information will appear on the EOS report:

1. The participant's name.
2. The participant's PIN.
3. The participant's case number.
4. The slot code (CSJ, W-2 T, or CMC).
5. The SSI application date (if given on DXSX).
6. Four fields from DXSX will be tracked on the report, including: PAYMENT STATUS, DENIAL DETAILS, APPEAL DET, and APPEAL DCSN CD. Either <Y> or <N> will appear for each of the four DXSX fields.

<Y> posted for that field means that a new or different code was displayed in that field during the monthly SDX SSI match.

A help screen is available for DXSX which provides a brief description of each field. The help screen also refers the worker to the appropriate CARES tables to find the definitions of the codes.

This EOS report relies on information sent to CARES through the monthly SDX SSI match. More current information about an individual's SSI eligibility may be available through the State Online Query (SOLQ) process which allows workers to make direct online queries to obtain SSI data on their caseload. See Operations Memos 99-40 and 99-75 for further information on SOLQ.

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